

Tex Rickard to Announce Details of World's Heavy Championship Battle in April

BOTH MEN START WORKOUTS SOON

Jack Kearns and Ray Archer seek sparing partners for fighters.

JESS TO TRAIN AT HOME

Dempsey to work at Farm in New Jersey; Plans Vaudreville Tour.

NEW YORK, March 18.—A formal conference between the promoters of Jess Willard and Tex Rickard was held yesterday afternoon. Both men stated that they will promote their world heavyweight championship battles in New York City, with Tex Rickard taking care of the arrangements and Jess Willard managing his own affairs. Tex Rickard has decided to have the contests in New York, as he believes that the city is the best place for such a battle, as it is the center of all large sporting parties. The two principals were much impressed by the heavyweights' girls, who are about as well dressed as ever. Tex Rickard said that he was prepared to take at least \$200,000 to put on the fight in Lawrence, Kansas, but when he receives his money from the promoters he will have to pay his expenses.

Willard Has Started Work.

According to the plan of management, Willard has already begun light physical workouts, as he weighs 220 pounds in weight. He is particular about details of getting sparing partners of about the height and weight of Dempsey, so as to insure his acceptance. Only men fit to face hard hitting, two hundred good boys, Willard will not be the heavy type of partner with whom he战斗 when he is preparing for Johnson in Brooklyn.

The champion will do all of his work at his home in Lawrence until six weeks before the bout, when, according to the terms of his contract with Rickard, he will move to the scene of titanic battle in the interval, however, Willard will find time to star in a moving picture drama in which he will appear as the hero. He will be filming during his actual training work and will take part in a ring battle. Willard's stipend for submitting himself to the cameras will be \$100,000, it is reported.

Jack or Weight 195.

Dempsey expects to leave for Palm Beach tomorrow for a week or 10 days of rest before engaging in an athletic-vacation tour of a month during which he will swim as far west as Kansas and then by a southern route return to the east. Before he leaves he expects to purchase a large farm near Freeport, N. J., where the challenger will do his physical training. It is necessary before moving on in the scene of the bout. Kearns said that Dempsey weighed 197 pounds at present and would enter the ring at between 192 and 195 pounds, according to the altitude at which the bout is staged.

He will begin serious training on May 1 and will have as sparing partners the largest and heaviest men who can be engaged in order that he may be accustomed to boxing with men as near as possible to the physical standard of Willard. Andrew Anderson is the only one mentioned to date.

Rickard plans to return to his Texas oil fields tomorrow and will be absent from this city for several weeks. He stated positively tonight that he would not announce the site of the contest, the referee or other details until April, and that he did not expect to investigate any prospective fight sites while away.

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Al Wise of Joplin, who has been associated with baseball for 10 years in various official capacities and who is now manager in the revenue office of Joplin, has been elected the permanent secretary of the Tulsa baseball league.

Mr. Wise has been supporting as a baseball man and his selection as secretary was a wise move by Spencer Abbott.

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—By Bud Fisher

LAUGHLIN MUST MAKE 148 POUNDS--BRITTON

World's Welterweight Title Demands That Connecticut Maker Weight for British

New York, March 18.—Established the world's welterweight championship title Tex Rickard has agreed with the promoters of Jess Willard here March 18 to make the present holder, John Britton, take a weight loss of 14 pounds. John Britton, manager of Britain and wife, are living in New York, and the two principals have agreed to make the weight loss of 14 pounds with British. Britton takes this now, as he is again the man in a position to demand the title. However, the promoter, W. C. Walsh, has told him that K. O. makes that player the welter champion has no more than himself during his career and demanded that Britton

Al Lopez, manager of the welterweight champion, John J. Bratton, of the Tulsa Sporting club, is also threatening the meeting that is to be made. Lopez will be quite an hours to go to fight with a champion after the title and according to him will accompany Britton with his energy will be in full force during his career.

Laughlin and Britton will be in a six-round bout, and the fight will be given over to the public with many new attractions and all sport series, including exhibitions that K. O. gets his weight fight.

Texas is fortunate that in its state it is brought here for his first appearance since assuming the post. Not only is Britton the world's champion, but his great popularity, his wife and his young wife, also make the fighters of interest. When the three elated States will be there are additional factors which make this one of the greatest occasions of all time.

Laughlin, drawing most attention to that of the crowd, is the Tulsa. The eastern has many great stars here with Brian Barry, Eddie Foy, Eddie Powers and many others, all sport series, including boxing and all kinds of entertainments.

The great popularity which Oklahoma has among visitors and which has experienced a phenomenal growth during the past half decade will undoubtedly be aided by the playing of high school tournaments this year. While various meets have been held in Oklahoma in past years, this is the first season that the state scholastic title will be definitely settled.

Night congressional districts have been scenes of tournaments. These districts include every high school in the state, with the exception of the Oklahoma High School Athletic association. Winners of the district tournaments meet at Edmond Friday and Saturday for the state championship.

This step of the scholastics is the most important and vital taken toward the development of better basketball since the net game became a standard sport among Oklahoma high schools.

As the lowest figure in the list of the singles Steers counted 587 in games of 205, 389, and 202. Oklahoma's total in the individual division was 542.

The former champions, therefore, failed to enter the class for all events. Steers' record for nine games was 1,767 and Steers 1,661.

MINERS Start April 29.

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CHARLIE SCHMIDT TO MANAGE SIOUX CITY

SIOUX CITY, Iowa, March 18.—Charlie Schmidt, former baseball catcher, signed a contract today to manage the Sioux City team in the Western baseball league.

Hot Springs Results

FIRST RACE—Archie, Division (Johnson, Deputy White), 8. 8. Cunnell (Wheeler), Time 12.

SECOND RACE—Bob (Edison) (Horn), Sir William (Johnson), Hasty Mother (Brown), Time 14. 2. 4.

THIRD RACE—Pete (Light) (Gandy), Gray Eagle (Jenny), Jester (Clegg), Time 14.

FOURTH RACE—Buddy (Gandy), Harry (Simpson), Eddie (Brown), Roy (Brown), Time 14.

FIFTH RACE—Lester (Erdie), Eddie (Kunkle), Brown (Sylvano), Mystery, Time 14. 3. 4.

SIXTH RACE—Little (String), Garner (Adelton), Haynes (Haynes), Thanksgiving (White), Time 14. 5.

Entries for March 19.

FIRST RACE—Three and one half furlongs—Pete (Light) (Gandy), Gray Eagle (Jenny), Jester (Clegg), Time 14.

SECOND RACE—Six furlongs—Queen of the Seas, Swift Comet, Jim Plumb, The Nick Klein, 112, Baymont, 112, Ruth Harrison, 112, Rufus Hill, 113, Jenish, 113, Magik, 113.

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FIFTH RACE—Mile and three sixteenths—River King, 102, Aster, 102, Shimber, 105, Jason, 108, Pauline, 107, Iolite, 105, Walnut Hall, 105, Harvest King, 105, Xanadu, 105, Mayne, 105, Barry, Shamrock, 105, Troubles, 105, See-safer and Obus, Field entry.

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At the meet, the schools and districts of the district and qualified to meet the winners from the other congressional districts only by the most difficult work.

The stars in this tournament are brilliant athletes. Fred E. Wilson, who keeps a close eye on the affairs of the state, says he believes the state will beat from many of them in coming circles in a short time. Not only were brilliant athletes seen in the strong teams, such as Shawnee, Buff and Wewoka, but there were great players in the weak schools and small towns, such as Holdenville, Choctaw, Taft, Midway and Verdigris.

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